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Re: U.S. v. Robert Bowers, Criminal No. 18-292

Dear Ms. Freeland:

We are writing to confirm our conversation with you yesterday. The Department of Justice has carefully considered your request to "deauthorize and settle Robert Bowers' case without a trial" (July 19, 2022, letter to United States Attorney Cindy Chung), and has reviewed the information and materials provided. The Department of Justice has denied your request to withdraw the Notice of Intent to seek the Death Penalty, Doc. No. 86, and will continue to litigate this trial as a capital prosecution.

Very truly yours,

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